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Applicant : Nobutaka Nakajima et al.
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WELDING ROD FOR SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 17, 2009. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on June 17, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.